

'Chamber Opens Search for 'Citizen of the Year'

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BANDIT GETS FORTUNE AT MARKET

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Why should we support the YMCA funds raising drive?"
 With the 1961 kickoff under way, this question was asked five people met in Torrance. Their answers follow:

Mrs. Douglas Browney, 2760 1/2 Andreo, housewife:
 "I think we should all support the 'Y' drive. As a mother I am particularly interested in this program. I think the YMCA is one of the best children's groups and the spiritual growth afforded them is important."

M/Sgt. Richard Grossman, National Guard, 132nd Engineers:
 "I think anything that can be done to help the YMCA carry out their program is worth while, and in the case of the funds drive, money well spent. A better future community and relationship is the end result."

Norman Bostick, 710 Crenshaw Blvd:
 "Having grown up in the 'Y' I know how important and necessary the money raised for its use is to the members. When I first joined this and then later when I have been active in the funds drives I have again seen the good that contributions do for this youth activity."

Bill Poser, 4930 Marion Ave., Jr. Hi-Y director:
 "There is no other group doing more for our youth and this is the reason I take an active part in all phases of the YMCA program. I am sure these kids deserve all the support we can give them."

Jack Marquis, 11, 3480 1/2 Eshelman Ave., Adams student:
 "I am not a member of the 'Y', but I hope to be some day. Maybe if I work on the drive for money I can join sooner. I think the 'Y' is a good thing for us kids and know it will be good for me."

Polio Clinic Set
 A polio clinic sponsored by the Howard Wood PTA and the National Foundation will be held Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 at the school at 2250 W. 235th St. Inoculations will be \$1 per person, and first, second, third, and booster shots will be available.

Huge Trophy Award Awaits 1960 Winner

The annual search for Torrance's "Citizen of the Year" got under way here this week as the Chamber of Commerce sent out nomination papers in the first move of the annual screening process.

Recipient of the award for the year 1960 will gain custody of the coveted Laughon-Whyte trophy, which has been the symbol of individual community achievement since 1953. The trophy, made available by the widows of Dr. William I. Laughon, pioneer Torrance physician, and Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance HERALD for nearly a quarter of a century, is awarded each year as the highlight of the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Ex-President At Kennedy Inauguration

A former "president of the United States" at Riviera Elementary School visited inauguration ceremonies for the real president of the United States last month, according to word received by his former teacher, Mrs. Irma Wilson.

William Moss III, president of Riviera Elementary Model Congress in 1959, attended many of the inauguration ceremonies for President John F. Kennedy. He was accompanied by his uncle, William R. Burke, Palos Verdes, national Commander of the American Legion.

YOUNG MOSS is attending school in Bermuda this year, staying with relatives. He was president of United States for Riviera School during that school's annual social studies sessions in which students go through the same processes as adult lawmakers in Washington. He and his classmates appeared on TV to explain their program. Mrs. Wilson won a Freedoms Foundation Award for developing the Model Congress.

Moss saw Kennedy inaugurated as president, watched the Inaugural Ball at the Mayfair Hotel, visited with Sen. Thomas Kuchel, and ate in the Senate Dining Room, visited the Library of Congress and many other famous national shrines.

"After serving as president of the Model Congress, it was wonderful to see all these things," he said. "I was most impressed by the F.B.I. building. All teenagers should see it. They never would want to get into trouble."
 He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moss Jr., 157 Via Monte d'Oro.

NOMINATIONS are open in all fields. Any individual, organization or association, educational institution, industrial or labor group, profession, or business may enter one or more nominees by filling out the entry blank which is available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 1511 Cravens Ave. or at the HERALD, 1619 Gramercy Ave.

TO BE eligible, nominees must reside or be employed within the city limits of Torrance, according to Chamber President W. E. Shawger, who made the announcement of the annual search.

FORMER winners of the trophy include Mervin M. Schwab, 1953; Paul Loranger, now deceased, 1954; Dean L. Sears, 1955; Sam Levy, 1956; Dr. Howard Wood, 1957; Glenn Koger, 1958; and J. H. Paget, 1959. Former winners along with Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, City Manager George W. Stevens, newspaper publishers, and the Chamber president will form the judging committee for the 1960 award winner.

The award will be presented at the Chamber's annual banquet to be held again this year at the Statler-Hilton in Los Angeles. William Belding, manager of the Broadway Del Amo, will be chairman of the 1961 affair to be held on March 29.
 Deadline for nominations is March 15.



CRASH VICTIM . . . Ambulance attendants prepare to place one of four victims in Thursday afternoon crash at Hawthorne and Del Amo Blvd. onto stretcher in top photo. In bottom photo, they remove Mrs. Johanna Gervais, 18, of 4416 W. 166th St., from auto after putting splint on her leg. Others injured in collision between milk truck and auto were Janet R. Gervais, 18, same address, driver of the car; Sandra Sessions, 18, of 3717 Emerald St., and Carolyn Lauheed, 3, of Redondo Beach. (Herald Photos)



Accidents Kill 864 In County

Traffic accidents occurring in the unincorporated areas and in cities of Los Angeles County during 1960 caused the death of 864 persons and injuries to 66,722 others, the California Highway Patrol reported.

Supervising Inspector Russ Fuson, Commander of the CHP's Los Angeles Office, said within the unincorporated areas of the county 177 persons were killed and 9936 were injured as compared to last year's total of 214 dead and 10,645 injured.

This amounts to a reduction of 17 per cent in the number of persons killed and a 6.6 per cent reduction in the number of persons injured compared to 1959.

Statewide figures for 1960 as compared to 1959 show a 1.3 per cent increase in rural accident fatalities.

Slick Gunman Gets \$10,000 Or More Cash

A nifty bandit, posing as an investigator for the district attorney, fled from a Torrance market with cash believed to be well in excess of \$10,000 Friday afternoon.

One delivery of money from the bank which totaled \$11,300 was taken by the well-dressed gunman shortly after it was delivered by armored truck, Manager Marion D. Thompson, of the Lucky Market at 3860 Sepulveda Blvd. told Torrance Detectives Wally Nitz and Jim Davis.

Money from another office safe wrapped in bundles of \$500 also made up part of the bandit's loot, Thompson reported.

INVESTIGATING officers characterized the hold-up as one of the smoothest in the city's history.

AT ABOUT the time stated, the well-dressed man, carrying a briefcase entered the store and identified himself as "Mr. Moore."

ONCE IN THE office, the bandit pulled a gun, described as a blue steel revolver with a 2-inch barrel, and ordered the manager to "open the door and get all the currency."

THE TWO young men escaped in the darkness and still-settling dust. The 12-year-old girl, dazed but unhurt, was taken into custody at the scene.

POLICE found Frank Navarrette, 19, of 172 E. Dominguez St., hiding under a truck several blocks from the scene.

Cops Nab Three in Car Chase

Two burglary suspects and a 12-year-old girl were arrested in Torrance Friday following a 90-mile-an-hour chase which ended when their fleeing car overturned and crashed into a tree.

THE DRIVER of the convertible failed to halt when officers Lonnie Brown and Ray Ouellette attempted to stop him near Torrance Blvd. and Border Ave.

SPEEDS of 90 miles-an-hour were reached along Torrance Blvd. in the get-away attempt before the auto failed to negotiate a curve, overturned in a cloud of dust, and skidded against a tree.

THE SECOND youth, Robert V. Rayhill, 19, of 20941 Jamison St., was taken into custody at his home.

A shotgun was found in the trunk of the car and investigators said the young men were wanted as burglary suspects. They were booked on suspicion of burglary and for traffic violations.

Daring Mother Pulls Son From Explosion Flames

A 4-year-old boy escaped injury Friday, due to the heroic efforts of his critically burned mother, when a butane explosion ripped their trailer home in the Carson area east of Torrance.

Mrs. Bonnie Rasmussen, 24, suffered first and second degree burns over more than half of her body in the pre-dawn explosion in her trailer at 21427 Vermont Ave., stated county firemen.

THE MOTHER, despite her serious burns, was able to bundle her son in a blanket and carry him from the blazing 27-foot trailer.

SHE was taken to Harbor General Hospital while the boy was cared for by neighbors. Cause of the explosion was not determined.



DISAPPEARING STACK . . . Scott Albright and Marshall Stewart (left to right) make sure Wally Lott, Thunderbird member, gets his quota of pancakes at Y.M.C.A. funds campaign drive kickoff held Saturday morning at International House of Pancakes. (Herald Photo)

AFTER 40 YEARS

Brother, Sister Converge On Torrance for Reunion

By BOB WILTON
 Herald Staff Writer
 "I haven't seen my sister, Anne, in 40 years and I don't know if I will ever get to see her again."
 So spoke Fred Bredbury as he hugged her in the home of his son, J. T. Bailey, of 23039 Kathryn Ave., Friday.

Bredbury flew from Chester, England, by jet and then traveled by train from New York to Torrance while his sister, Mrs. George Peacock, was arriving from Vancouver, B. C., for the reunion.



REUNION . . . Fred Bredbury, who flew from England to see his sister, Mrs. George Peacock, who lives in Vancouver. Pair had not seen each other in 40 years and met in the home of Bredbury's son, J. T. Bailey, of 23039 Kathryn Ave. (Herald Photo)

Bank Nears Student Hunt

The search to find the high school senior students who will be honored in this year's state-wide Bank of America Achievement Awards program has nearly ended. Faculty committees from high schools throughout the state, including this area, will report their candidates.

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